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THE HOWARD ARMS, LOWER GREEN, ILMINGTON,  
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## Harvest Time

Under a full moon during the hot weather in mid-August, on most nights in the village, tractors trundled through till the early hours of the morning pulling trailers full of the harvest. We moved into the Rectory in March, when the fields were just showing the first shoots. Day by day, as we walked the dog, we could see them grow until, in July, so many of the hills were covered by a waving blond crop. Now the fields are covered in a golden stubble as the shadows lengthen earlier in the evenings, and the weather begins to turn towards Autumn.

We celebrate Harvest Festival in late September or early October – once ‘All is safely gathered in’ as a farmer once said to me, quoting the hymn, and not before. Harvest Thanksgiving to mark the end of the harvest was once balanced by the ‘Lammas’ celebration at the beginning in early August. Lammas was short for ‘loaf-mas’, a festival which centred on the offering of the first bread made from the newly harvested wheat in Church. In a more agriculturally-based society than ours has become, the months of August and September were hard work as whole villages turned out to help, and then celebration once the harvest had safely arrived, in the form both of Church worship and a community feast, the Harvest Supper. Though there are many things that might worry us about the cost of living today, reflecting on how many good things we have and how comparatively well off we are in this country is a good thing to pause and do from time to time. Harvest Festival is a great opportunity to put aside worry in favour of thanksgiving, if only for a little while and to celebrate both in worship and song in church and in a festival meal, either with others or with the family, rather like the American ‘Thanksgiving’ meal.

At the same time our Harvest Festivals might also encourage us to think of other harvests, further from home, in rural areas in Africa, for example. I’m fortunate enough to have visited churches in Uganda and Nigeria in the past and seen at first hand a very different scale of life from ours. In those places, living closer to the edge than we do results in a real sense of thanksgiving when the harvest is safely gathered. As part of our Harvest Festivals we’ll be seeking to support the charity ‘Ripple Effect’, which was until recently known as ‘Send a Cow’. One of the ways Ripple Effect works is by twinning gardens in this country with some in Kenya – a great idea, especially for children. (See <https://rippleeffect.org/> for more information.) Supporting them is one way of sharing our harvest with the wider world.

This year’s Harvest Festival Services across our churches are:

25 Sept	10.30am	Tredington	4.00pm	Darlingscott
2 Oct	11.00am	Ilmington	4.00pm	Stretton-on-Fosse
9 Oct	11.00am	Preston-on-Stour	4.00pm	Whitchurch

Do come and join us if you can!

Richard Cooke, Rector of Ilmington, Stretton-on-Fosse, Preston-on-Stour, Whitchurch, Tredington & Darlingscott

Keep up to date with everything that is happening, including the current issue of the Six Parishes Magazine on the church website <https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com>. The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial 0800 804 8044. It is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>, where each church has its own page. If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to [revfletcher24@gmail.com](mailto:revfletcher24@gmail.com). Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms:**

At Tredington: on 7 August, Aurelia Tacey-Green & Emily Violet Bird

#### **Banns of Marriage:**

At Ilmington: 7, 14, 21 August, Chloe Walford Smith & Sebastian Beebee of the parish of St Stephen and St Agnes, Windsor (marriage on 17 Sept)

At Whitchurch & Preston-on-Stour: 7, 14, 21 August, Roseanna Kate Cowper & Gwendal Kalkofen of the parish of St Thomas & St Stephen, Balham (marriage on 10 Sept at Whitchurch)

#### **Weddings:**

At Ilmington: on 6 August, Eleanor Trotman & Christopher Stefanowicz

At Tredington: on 6 August, Amelia Cozon & Daniel James Ashmore

20 August, Victoria Winter & Toby Feirn

#### **Burial:**

At Ilmington: on 26 August, Monica Mary ('Terry') Hall

### **Nature Notes- September 2022**

September heralds the start of a new season – Autumn and with it a change in the weather, our surroundings, the trees and the plants as God's creation starts to prepare for winter. Our trees put on a spectacular display of stunning colours yellow turning to reds and golds, our mammals and birds prepare to have a feast on the berries and seeds produced. Have you ever looked closely at a leaf? They have an amazing structure. You can see a main vein (midrib) and smaller veins attached to the midrib. These veins were designed to carry water, minerals and food to the main stem. Leaves are arranged on the stem in a specific way. This is to enable the leaf to absorb the maximum amount of sunlight for that tree or plant. There are other parts to the leaf that allow the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide. So, as we can see the leaf plays a very important part in the health of the tree or plant. God thought of everything!

## **DARLINGSCOTT**

### **St George's Church, Darlingscott**

We are holding our harvest festival service on Sunday September 25 at 4pm. If anyone would like to help decorate the church, as we normally do, we shall decorate on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the morning. If you would like to help on any other day suitable for you please let Doreen know on 01608 682949. Flowers and greenery can be left in the porch. Any harvest gifts will be taken to the foodbank at Shipston church for distribution. We will be having drinks and eats

after this service and it will be greatly appreciated if, as they have done in the past, the congregation would supply some finger food.

## **STRETTON -ON -FOSSE**

### **Stretton on Fosse Village Show**

Veg.- Flowers-Cakes-Prizes- Dog Show. On Saturday 10th September. Entries 9-11 am. Dog Show and viewing 2.15pm. Classes on the village website or contact Chris@long-leather.com

## **TREDINGTON**

### **Burial Plots in St Gregory's Churchyard Tredington**

I am in the process of updating our records of Reserved Burial Plots in St Gregory's Churchyard. Would anyone holding an approved request form from the Church or any form of informal permission please contact me with details. Many thanks, John Plenderleith T:01608 664278 or E: plenders101@btinternet.com.

### **St Gregory's Harvest Lunch**

We are planning a Harvest Lunch in church following the Harvest Service on Sunday 25 September at 12.00 for 12.30. This will be open to everyone and will be a Ploughman's Lunch with pate, cheese, salads, chutneys and rolls, followed by assorted crumbles, apple pies and ice cream. There will be no charge for the food but donations would be appreciated. All profits will be given to a deserving charity. Wine and fruit juices will be provided. As usual a list will be in the church, so put your name down and come and enjoy our Harvest meal. We would also appreciate help with the food for this event, please write on the list if you are able to bring something. Any enquiries contact Sarah Taylor on 662782 or Jenny Plenderleith on 664278.

### **Newbold and Tredington CoFE Primary School**

During the holidays, things were busy behind the scenes at Newbold and Tredington. At the Tredington site, work started straight away; the walls were repainted and refreshed ready for September. We purchased new library furniture to make the area more inviting for the children and we set up the shelving and seating ready for the new term. As always, we are looking to keep our library up-to-date with new book titles from diverse and current authors. If you would like to make a contribution, please email [admin3214@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3214@welearn365.com) or phone the school on 01608 661568. Our Co-op Food Share Scheme food collections continued during the holidays. The Co-op gives us good food that would normally be thrown away each week to avoid food waste. Just like during term time, food was left on a table outside the Tredington entrance each Thursday for members of the community to collect. The classrooms at both sites are ready and we are looking forward to seeing familiar faces, and welcoming new children and their families.

### **Tredington and Blackwell WI**

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP commencing at 7pm. Our speaker will be Wendy Stafford whose talk is entitled *Stained and Fused Glass*. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, for further details. Telephone 01608 682102 or email [secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk). Visitors are always welcome at this friendly WI. We are working to reduce isolation in the community. For further information, please see our website: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk> and

### **'Welcome to Tredington' Booklet**

For many years, Tredington and Blackwell WI has produced and maintained a 'Welcome to Tredington' booklet, which provides details of the activities that take place in Tredington and the local area, with names of those to contact should you wish to know more or join in. It also provides some practical information in relation to other services and facilities in the area which you may need. As it is a 'live' document, it is regularly updated and is available for you to view, download and print from: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk/welcome-to-tredington/>

We hope you find the booklet informative and that it will be useful to new and existing residents alike. If there are any groups or societies that would like to be considered for inclusion in this booklet, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email [secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk)

### **Craft and Chatter**

Our next Craft and Chatter meeting will be on Thursday 1st September 2022 in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 2.00pm. EVERYONE is welcome – including non-crafters. There are opportunities to share tips and learn other crafts in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Bring your own knitting, sewing or craft to work on whilst having a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat. For further details, please ring Trish 01789 740185.

### **Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper**

A Community Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper will be held in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at 6.30pm. A bar will be available. Teams of 4 or come on your own and join a team. Tickets are £12.50 per person (including supper). A £5 deposit to be paid at time of booking. Numbers are restricted, so please book early. For further information and to book, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email [secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk)

### **WI Community Film Night**

Our next film screening in the WI Hall, Tredington, will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Bar opens at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. The film is a British war drama (Cert 12; 99 minutes, plus interval with bar and ice creams). Booking is now open. For more details of the film, to join the email list or to book places, please contact Gill either email [treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk) or text 07789810877.

## **WHITCHURCH**

### **News from Whitchurch St Mary's**

A BIG THANK YOU to all who made our Fête on August 13 such a success, starting with Bidy and Will James who hosted the event, Bidy's team of organisers and stall holders (you know who you are), everyone who contributed everything from raffle prizes to fresh produce for sale, Ruth McKeown's mum who (far into the night) counted up all the takings (a grand total of £1220), and finally everybody who came and spent their money generously on one of the hottest days in Warwickshire's history. Well done! Looks like we'll be doing it again next year.

### **Notes from a Small Church in a Field.**

We at Whitchurch are celebrating the life of Norah Carter even as we mourn her death on August 3, seven years to the day after her beloved husband, Gerald, died. Together Norah and Gerald devoted decades of service to St Mary's, he as PCC Treasurer, she

as Secretary and organist, one of the few ever able to coax music out of our cantankerous harmonium. They met at a young farmers' country dancing class, and after they married, they farmed at Bruton, on the far edge of the parish. But they never missed a Sunday in church. Nor a church fete. They moved amongst us quietly, selflessly. Gerald loved animals. Norah loved her garden. And it was clear to everyone who knew them that they loved each other. They are deeply missed. Funeral: Oakley Wood Crematorium North Chapel Tuesday 13th September, 10.00am, followed by: Service of Thanksgiving, St Mary's Whitchurch, 11.15

## PRESTON-ON-STOUR

### Preston Village Hall

**Film Night - 7.30 pm Friday September 30th, doors open from 7.00 pm.** Our first film of the autumn will be 'Operation Mincemeat' which takes its title from the real-life mission that tricked Hitler into believing the Allies we're going to invade Greece, rather than Sicily, in 1943.

**Harvest Supper – October.** We have still to confirm the date. Watch this space and be ready to book your tickets.

## ILMINGTON

### 'Tea with the Rector'

St Mary's Church will be opening the Community Café on Monday 5 Sept from 2.00-4.30pm for tea and cake. Do drop in and meet Richard Cooke if you've not yet done so (or even if you have!). All are welcome and it will be lovely to see you!

### Ilmington Parish Council News

**Wildflowers** 🌸🌻🌼🌺🌾: This coming autumn will see wildflowers planted in multiple locations around the village, including Upper Green, Doms Plantation and the playing field boundaries. The work is being carried out by Ilmington 20:20 Wildlife Group working with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and supported by Ilmington Parish Council. Thank you to all volunteers involved with this project. Look out for the flowers in the spring. **Grace's Playground:** It is with regret that the council has decided to take another piece of playground equipment out of service for safety reasons. The small multi-play unit has become structurally unstable and should not be used. The basket swing remains out of use. Part of the trim trail has also been vandalised recently which is very disappointing. The playground is an expensive asset, please respect and look after it. A fundraising campaign will be launched shortly to raise funds to repair and replace the equipment. Get in touch if you'd like to help. **Handyperson / Gardner Wanted:** Ilmington Parish Council is looking for a handyperson / gardener to carry out occasional outdoor maintenance jobs around the village, like putting up signs and weeding/pruning. Must have own insurance. If you live in or around Ilmington and care about the village then we'd love to hear from you. **Casual Vacancies:** Want to make a difference in your community? At the time of writing the Parish Council still has two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a councillor then have a chat with any councillor or just come to a meeting to find out about what we do! The council usually meets on the last Thursday of the month. **Scheduled Meetings:** 25 August 2022, 29 September 2022, 27 October 2022, 24 November 2022.



Service Rota September 2022

	St George's Darlingscott	St Mary's Ilmington	St Mary's Preston-on-Stour	St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse	St Gregory's Tredington	St Mary's Whichurch
4 Sept	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism 11.00am	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service with Baptism 10.30am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am
11 Sept	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	Baptism 10.15am
18 Sept		Family Service 11.00am		Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am
25 Sept	Harvest Festival 4.00pm	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Harvest Festival 10.30am	

Ministers:

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### **Ilmington Community Shop and Café: Summer isn't over yet!**

We are loving this long, hot summer and we're determined to keep the warm community spirit going at the Shop and Café. Please make a note of three events for your diary. **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** is our Pop Up Wine Bar, the perfect way to reconnect and start your weekend. On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** we are holding an end-of-season BBQ, with burgers, sausages and chicken, from 12 noon at the Community Café. (No tickets needed for either of these.) Then on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at 7pm, we have an Autumn Apple Feast, a 3-course, long-table celebration of Ilmington's favourite fruit. We're serving Waldorf Salad, Pork and Apple Hot Pot and Tarte Tatin, a glass of wine or beer and a hot drink for only £15. Tickets on sale from the shop.

### **Into the Breach**

On Friday September the 9th at 7.30 Ilmingtons Mark Currey will be performing his show "Into the Breach" at the village hall. The play is a heart-warming comedy about village life in 1942. "It's Dad's Army" meets "The Vicar of Dibley" London Metro. Tickets on sale now from the Community Shop £12.

### **The Coven**

Ladies, do you fancy a munch? Some crisp chips twixt the lips to crunch? Then on the 21st of this month we'll go to the Howard Arms for lunch!

### **Wednesday Club Meeting on 14th September at the Village Hall 2pm**

A very big thank you to Martin Taylor for allowing us to hold a lovely meeting in his even lovelier music room at the Manor house! We had music by Cecilia Curry and Liz Garton, the story of Tony Wilkins life and plenty of birthday cake and tea.

We had the sad news of two members passing away last month; Sylvia Gardner and Terry Hall. Both were long time members of our Club and both will be very missed. Each lady contributed a lot to our Club and to the village community. Terry was an original Land Girl and Sylvia, a historian of our village, parish clerk and president of the horticultural club.

Thank you ladies. September is a busy month for birthdays! We start with Mike Matthews's on 4th, Marilyn Figgitt on 24th, Mary Brain on 28th, Carol Hawkins on 29th and lastly, Colin Waterman who will be 90 on 27th! Congratulations to Colin! We will celebrate his birthday in October as he is on holiday in September. Our next meeting will be on 14th September at 2pm at the Village Hall. We will be looking at 'keeping safe' with a chat from our very own 'eyes and ears' and hopefully a couple of police officers. Till then, keep safe and be happy!

## **OUTSIDE THE PARISHES**

### **Shipston Medical Centre: Meet the Practice Team PATIENT MEETING**

Tuesday 27th September 7.15 p.m. start at Shipston Primary School CV36 4BT. Including updates from the practice and an opportunity to ask your questions. Face masks are encouraged

### **Townsend Hall, Shipston**

After the summer holiday season, we're back in the groove with our jazz events kicking back off. On Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, we're looking forward to seeing "Sarah Spencer and her Transatlantic Band". The "transatlantic" comes from Sarah living and playing on both sides of the Atlantic. She's a top-rated tenor saxophonist, who apparently loves playin' Hot and Dirty"! Come along for an exciting night of jazz and wear your dance shoes. Tickets are

available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall), or from Clarke's in town. Anything we make from the jazz events is targeted at a project to provide a stage lift, to make the stage accessible to all. Please come along – enjoy yourself and feel good that you're also contributing to a great cause. So much going on, not just live music – plenty of other events, e.g. sports and clubs. Visit us at [www.townsendhall.co.uk](http://www.townsendhall.co.uk) to find out more.



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#### **CANTAMUS – It's Lovely to be singing again!**

A concert of witty, wistful, funny, heart-felt and uplifting music and words for a Sunday evening. Shipston's capella choir presents their first concert since lockdown at St David's Church, Newbold on Stour on Sunday 18th September at 7pm. Tickets £12.50 in aid of the Church Toilet, Served & Path Project are available from Newbold Stores or on the door. Wine and soft drinks available in the interval.

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